

**Rowe School Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 15, 2011**

The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires minutes for all school committee and subcommittee meetings. The recorded minutes are open to the public for inspection within 10 days of the meeting. Minutes are recorded to provide a brief overview that reflects the subject matter discussed and any decisions made. Motions made are to clearly indicate who made the motion and who seconded the motion. Record who was in favor, who opposed, or who abstained. The names of any person(s) appearing before the committee are to be indicated.

**Documents:**

January 11, 2011 petition letter to Rowe School Committee re: non-renewal of Principal's contract.  
January 22, 2011 letter to Rowe School Committee from Johanna Weinstein re: working conditions.  
January 13, 2011 letter to Town of Rowe Selectboard and Finance Committee from Margaret Rice, School Committee Chair, re: request for a joint meeting.  
January 24, 2011 letter to Commissioner of Education Dr. Mitchell Dan Chester from Superintendent Michael A. Buoniconti re: continuing to be a School Choice District for the 2011-2012 school year.  
January 25, 2011 letter to Town of Rowe Selectboard and Finance Committee from Margaret Rice, School Committee Chair, re: change in meeting date and submission of FY12 Budget proposal. Rowe School District Improvement Plan FY10-FY12

**1. Call to Order:**

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee:

Paul McLatchy III called the Board of Selectman Meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Sue Wood called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 6:35pm.

**A motion was made by Paul McLatchy III and seconded by Jennifer Wood to appoint William Loomis to the Rowe School Committee for the seat vacated by Rebecca Richardson until May 2011.**

**Roll call:** Paul McLatchy – yes; Jennifer Wood – yes; Maggie Rice – yes; and Lisa Danek-Burke – yes **Unanimous yes vote.**

**The Rowe Board of Selectman and The Rowe Finance Committee adjourned from the joint meeting at 7:35pm.**

**2. Audience of Citizens:**

Please see attached list.

Discussions regarding Rowe School Budget.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

A. The minutes were tabled until the March 15, 2011 School Committee Meeting.

**4. Correspondence:**

A. January 11, 2011 petition letter to Rowe School Committee re: non-renewal of Principal's contract. See Appendix A

B. January 22, 2011 letter to Rowe School Committee from Johanna Weinstein re: working conditions. See Appendix B

C. January 13, 2011 letter to Town of Rowe Selectboard and Finance Committee from Margaret Rice, School Committee Chair, re: request for a joint meeting.  
See Appendix C

D. January 24, 2011 letter to Commissioner of Education Dr. Mitchell Dan Chester from Superintendent Michael A. Buoniconti re: continuing to be a School Choice District for the 2011-2012 school year. See Appendix D

- E. January 25, 2011 letter to Town of Rowe Selectboard and Finance Committee from Margaret Rice, School Committee Chair, re: change in meeting date and submission of FY12 Budget proposal. See Appendix E

**5. Unfinished Business:**

- A. Solar Project – The Solar Array went online last week. There was a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> with many people in attendance.  
B. School Roof – We had a custodian from Mohawk at the school for 7 days to help Dan Miller shovel the roof.

**6. Report of the Chairperson:**

- A. Maggie Rice attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Rowe School Study meeting on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be meeting again on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and will report back to the school committee with any information.

**7. Report of the Superintendent:**

- A. FY12 Budget Proposal – See Appendix F  
B. Rowe Teachers Negotiations (Executive Session) -  
C. Mohawk Response to Rowe School Study (Executive Session) -

**8. Financial Information:**

- A. FY12 Local Aid Estimates – Governor's House 1 Budget - See Appendix G  
B. FY12 Chapter 70 Foundation Budget – See Appendix H

**9. Report of the Principal:**

- A. Principal Report – As read - See Appendix I  
B. Received Dan Miller's resignation.

**10. Action Items:**

- A. None at this time.

**11. Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None  
B. Transportation Subcommittee – None  
C. Negotiations Subcommittee – Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Handouts:**

- A. Rowe School Student Body Profile – 2011 Based on 10/1/10 Report - See Appendix J  
B. FY12 Budget Public Hearing Press Release - See Appendix K

**13. Executive Session:**

- A. Executive Session, under Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation and to exit from executive session to adjourn the meeting.

**A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by William Loomis to go into Executive Session, under Chapter 30A, Section 21(a), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation and to exit from executive session to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous yes vote.**

William Loomis – yes; Lisa Danek Burke – yes; Maggie Rice - yes  
Out of Executive session at 8:55pm for the purpose of adjournment

**14. Adjournment:**

A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by William Loomis to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

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Margaret Rice, Chairman

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Lisa Danek Burke

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William Loomis

## **Rowe School Committee Meeting February 15, 2011 Audience of Citizens:**

Chris Gokey – Choice Parent

Evelyn Dandeneau – Resident

Noel Abbott – Resident

Sharon Hudson – Resident

Ellen Miller – Resident

Jennifer Morse Sprague – Resident

Judy Pierce – Resident

Kris Swenson – Resident

Jody Brown – Resident

Earl Carlow – Resident

Anne Besgen – Resident

Janice Lapointe – Staff

Patricia Tierney – Staff

Julie McCarthy – Staff

Laurie Pike – Resident/Staff

Diane Broncaccio – The Recorder

Melanie Gokey – Choice Parent

Lisa Miller – Parent/Resident

Kerri McLatchy – Staff/Resident

Carol Lively – Parent/Staff/Tax Payer/Resident

Myra Bennett Carlow – Resident

Lesley McLatchy – Resident

Janet Cowie – Resident/Parent

Noel Abbott – Resident

Lenny Laffond – Resident

Cindy Laffond – Resident

Dwight Beebe - Staff

Sue Wood – Resident

Gail May – Resident/Staff